of Sugar and Edible Oils, and the Department of Supply have been abolished/merged. In addition, the Departments of Telecom Services and Telecom Operations have been corporatised with effect from 1 October, 2000.

(3) The Expenditure Reforms Commission, set up by the Department of Expenditure to review, *inter alia*, the road map for reducing the functions, activities and administrative structure of Central Government has submitted 10 Reports in all covering 36 Ministries/Departments/ Organisations. The recommendations contained in these Reports pertain to rightsizing/restructuring of these Ministries/Departments etc. The Department of Expenditure have requested respective Ministries/Departments to take follow up action on the recommendations of the Commission.

(c) The existing provisions laid down in Fundamental Rules 56(d) do not permit grant of extension in service to Government servants beyond the age of retirement of 60 years except the following:

(a) to a Government servant dealing with budget work or working as full time member of a Committee, which is to be wound up within a short period of time, for a period not exceeding 3 months in public interest;

(b) to a specialist in medical or scientific fields up to the age of 62 years if such extension is in public interest and the grounds for such extension are recorded in writing; and

(c) to the Cabinet Secretary, if considered necessary in public interest, for such period as it may deem proper subject to the condition that the total term of the incumbent of the post of Cabinet Secretary does not exceed two years.

Filling up of vacancies reserved for Handicapped Persons

†2703. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vacancies reserved for handicapped persons in various Ministries and their subordinate offices are not being filled-up;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the number of posts reserved for handicapped persons in various Ministries and their subordinate offices and the number of posts filled out of these and the posts still vacant;

(c) whether Government would consider a proposal to take any steps to fill up the vacant posts without any delay; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) Information regarding posts reserved for handicapped persons and filling thereof is not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) Instructions have been issued to all the Ministries/Departments to ensure that the policy relating to reservation for persons with disabilities should be implemented in right earnest. Instructions have also been issued that a certificate to the effect that the policy relating to 3% reservation for persons with disability has been taken care of should be given, while sending requisitions to the UPSC, SSC etc. for filling up of posts which have been identified as suitable for being manned by persons with disabilities.

CBI inquiry against IAS, IPS and IFS officers

2704. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of such officers of Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and Indian Forest Service including those on Central deputation against whom C.B.I inquiry is going on and who are under vigilance during the last 4 years (1997-2001) State-wise, year-wise and the charges levied; and

(b) the number of the cases filed by the C.B.I., in the Judicial Courts, year-wise, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) As per the information given by the CBI, the number of IAS/IPS/IFS officers against whom cases were registered by the CBI during 1997 to 2001 on charges such as criminal conspiracy and cheating, possession of disproportionate assets, misuse of official position, criminal misconduct etc. is as given in the table below :